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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR FOR PERU

REF: A. I. WOLF MEMO TO D. LU DATED 1/13/75;

B. STATE 250428, DATED 11/13/74

1. USDOC MEPD WAS CONTACTED BY MR. ROBERT CHESWORTH, MARKETING MANAGER, TRIGA REACTOR, GENERAL ATOMIC COMPANY, SAN DIEGO REGARDING MR. W. LLAMOSAS RECENT VISIT TO GA.

2. MR. LLAMOSAS SPENT THREE DAYS WITH G.A. IN MID FEBRUARY DURING WHICH THE FIRST AND LAST DAY WERE SPENT EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE G.A. TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR DIVISION. DURING THIS TIME GA AND LLAMOSAS VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE TO SEE AN OPERATING TRIGA REACTOR AND DISCUSSED WITH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS THE PERU NUCLEAR
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APPLICATION PROGRAM. THE SECOND DAY WAS SPENT WITH GA'S

HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS-COOLED REACTOR DIVISION.

3. MR. CHESWORTH REPORTED THAT LLAMOSAS SEEMED GENUINELY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD ABOUT THE TRIGA SYSTEM. HOWEVER, DURING LLAMOSAS SAN DIEGO STAY HE PHONED LIMA AND AFTERWARD, SEEMED VERY TROUBLED AND EXPRESSED CANDIDLY TO CHESWORTH THAT BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN PERU, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO PROMOTE A U.S. SOURCED NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR AT THIS TIME. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN CHESWORTH'S MIND THAT LLAMOSAS WANTS A GA TRIGA REACTOR.

4. LLAMOSAS FURTHER STATED THAT, THE PERU NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (SUCCESSOR TO PERU ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION) ARE SCHEDULED TO ISSUE TENDER SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH REACTOR WITHIN 60 DAYS WITH PROCUREMENT IN EARLY 1976. WE LOOK FORWARD RECEIVING EMBASSY'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE REPORT DIFFICULT POSITION GA WILL FIND ITSELF AS A U.S. COMPANY WHEN PERU TENDERS INTERNATIONALLY FOR ITS RESEARCH REACTOR. INGERSOLL

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